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Nebraska National Guardsmen Called Up to Assist Omaha in Monitoring Missouri River Levees

LINCOLN, Neb. – An initial response force of approximately 20 members of the Nebraska National Guard are being called to state emergency active duty to assist Omaha and Douglas County emergency management officials in 24-hour monitoring of the Missouri River levees.

According to Guard officials, the Guardsmen will begin the levee monitoring mission tomorrow, June 17.

Guard officials say that more Nebraska Guardsmen could be assigned to the mission as conditions warrant.

The Nebraska National Guard and the Nebraska Department of Roads have also coordinated the movement of 400 1.5-ton sandbags and accompanying slings to Omaha's Eppley Airfield from a stockpile at the Nebraska National Guard air base in Lincoln. The sandbags are being prepositioned in the event that officials need to conduct aerial sandbagging operations in the area.

The sandbags are similar to those used by Nebraska Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crews a week ago when they conducted an aerial sandbagging operation on a damaged Platte River levee near North Platte.



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